

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
BARBARA JACOBS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Barbara Jacobs, whose joyous life was framed by family, community, culture and giving to others. Her passing marks a great loss for her family and friends, and also for the people of Cleveland, whom she served with the highest level of commitment, compassion and concern.

Mrs. Jacobs shared her enthusiasm for community service with her late husband, David Jacobs, former owner of the Cleveland Indians. The welfare of her family and her community defined her life. Together, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs raised three children: Marie, David Jr. and John. They instilled within them the significance of giving to others and helping those in need.

Mrs. Jacobs continued to carry the torch of philanthropy that she shared with her husband. Her unwavering support focused on uplifting the lives of others. Her generous donations will ensure that students have musical opportunities at the Indiana University School of Music; her spirit of giving will allow poor families and individuals to receive free medical treatment at MetroHealth Medical Center; and her focus on healing will continue to provide support and funding for the Ohio Cancer Research Center.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Barbara Jacobs. Her boundless spirit of giving and joy for living will continue to have a profound impact upon the lives of countless families and individuals, from Cleveland, Ohio to the University of Indiana. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, Marie, David Jr. and John; to her five grandchildren and great-granddaughter; to her dear friend and companion, Albert Werner; and to her many extended family members and friends. Mrs. Jacobs' kindness, energy and compassion will live on within every life she touched and she will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, due to a weather related travel delay, I was unable to record my vote for rollcall suspension votes 609 through 611. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE
THAT DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES
IN IRAQ BE TERMINATED IMMEDIATELY

SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 18, 2005

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I have great respect for the gentleman from Pennsylvania

who speaks with authority about the military matters of the United States.

JACK MURTHA won the American Spirit Honor Medal, received the Bronze Star with Combat "V", two Purple Hearts, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Navy Distinguished Service Medal.

The issues he raised yesterday are profound issues for each and every American. We honor the fallen soldiers by making an honest assessment of our national security needs. We honor our great democracy by having the national conversation about the war in Iraq—but we dishonor democracy by mischaracterizing what JACK MURTHA said—and putting forward a resolution that does not reflect what he asks . . . and stifles real debate on this important issue.

Nobody here really believes the United States should—tomorrow—withdraw all troops from Iraq. But many of us—indeed many Americans—are unhappy with the direction of the war and believe we could have done it better from the beginning.

This is a serious resolution for us to consider; it should not be a political ploy for the leadership to mischaracterize. This is a serious debate that the Congress is not inclined to have—as evidenced by the late scheduling of a mischaracterized bill.

We should be holding hearings about this . . . and we should not be debating any of this on a Friday night when people don't watch the news, we should do it next week and give it 50 hours of debate. What is more important than a debate about our national defense and the security of our troops?

It is instructive to remember that we sent our troops to battle in Iraq ill prepared for what they would encounter. We did not send them with the tools—or in the numbers—they needed to win the war. We sent them with helicopters and rifles that didn't function properly . . . we sent them without the body armor they needed . . . we sent them in humvees without the armor they needed. They were not greeted as liberators—more faulty intelligence—they were greeted with improvised explosive devices . . . and IED attacks have only grown more sophisticated and more frequent on our troops.

Here's where we are right now: when you make a wrong turn and discover that, do you stay on that road because you don't want to admit you are wrong? Or do you find an exit, get off and find your way? By staying in Iraq after our invasion based on faulty intelligence—we are doing irreparable damage to our international friends: Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Kuwait . . . and the list goes on.

We need to do it right . . . or leave as JACK MURTHA suggests . . . 1. redeploy U.S. troops consistent with the safety of the U.S. forces; 2. create a quick reaction force in the region; 3. create an over-the-horizon presence of Marines in the region; and 4. to diplomatically pursue security and stability in Iraq.

I will vote "no" for the fabricated resolution before the House tonight . . . but I urge the House to follow the advice—the actual advice—of JACK MURTHA.

HONORING RICHARD NEWTON ON
HIS CAMPAIGN TO BE ELECTED
TO THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 1

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Newton, a resident of Chautauqua County for his quest to become the elected representative to the first legislative district in the Chautauqua County Legislature. Although Mr. Newton was not able to realize his dream he has been able to make an impact on other's lives in a different way.

The campaign trail is a difficult path to take. Any person with a dream may enter but only a few are able to reach the end. Mr. Newton traveled that path with his head held high and a smile on his face the entire way. I have no doubt that his kind demeanor left a lasting impression on the voters of district 1.

Chautauqua County is blessed to have such strong candidates with a desire to make this county the wonderful place that we all know it can be. Mr. Newton is one of those people and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor him today.

A PRINCIPLED REPUBLICAN'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR FAIRNESS

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, when I was a Member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1973, I introduced legislation to protect gay and lesbian people against discrimination. To the surprise of many—myself included—one of the strongest champions of that bill turned out to be a Republican State Senator from a socially conservative part of Massachusetts, Robert A. Hall. As he describes in the attached article, he had not thought much about this before, but when he listened with an open mind to the issues involved, he became a supporter. When he found that he was in fact the only one willing to be the floor manager for the bill on the floor of the Massachusetts Senate, he took that on, in the face of a great deal of political wisdom that said he was making a mistake. As he noted, he went on to a very successful further career.

Bob Hall's article in the Madison, Capital Times continues his work in defending fairness. His arguments on the marriage issue seem to me irrefutable, and they come with great credibility given his background and his current set of views. Since it is apparently the intention of the Republican leadership once again to bring a Constitutional amendment before the House that would prevent States from making their own decisions with regard to same-sex marriage, I think it is very relevant that Mr. Hall's persuasive argument be printed here.

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ANTI-GAY BILL WON'T HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

(By Robert A. Hall)

I'm opposed to a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage, now being considered by the Wisconsin Legislature.